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**Advisory Action
Before the Filing of an Appeal Brief**

Application No.

09/781,616

Applicant(s)

HATANAKA, IWAO

Examiner

Tan Lien

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THE REPLY FILED 18 January 2005 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE.

1. The reply was filed after a final rejection, but prior to filing a Notice of Appeal. To avoid abandonment of this application, applicant must timely file one of the following replies: (1) an amendment, affidavit, or other evidence, which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee) in compliance with 37 CFR 41.31; or (3) a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114. The reply must be filed within one of the following time periods:

- a) The period for reply expires _____ months from the mailing date of the final rejection.
 b) The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection.
 Examiner Note: If box 1 is checked, check either box (a) or (b). ONLY CHECK BOX (b) WHEN THE FIRST REPLY WAS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE FINAL REJECTION. See MPEP 706.07(f).

Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

NOTICE OF APPEAL

2. The reply was filed after the date of filing a Notice of Appeal, but prior to the date of filing an appeal brief. The Notice of Appeal was filed on _____. A brief in compliance with 37 CFR 41.37 must be filed within two months of the date of filing the Notice of Appeal (37 CFR 41.37(a)), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 41.37(e)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal. Since a Notice of Appeal has been filed, any reply must be filed within the time period set forth in 37 CFR 41.37(a).

AMENDMENTS

3. The proposed amendment(s) filed after a final rejection, but prior to the date of filing a brief, will not be entered because
 (a) They raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);
 (b) They raise the issue of new matter (see NOTE below);
 (c) They are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or
 (d) They present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: _____. (See 37 CFR 1.116 and 41.33(a)).

4. The amendments are not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121. See attached Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (PTOL-324).

5. Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): _____.

6. Newly proposed or amended claim(s) _____ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).

7. For purposes of appeal, the proposed amendment(s): a) will not be entered, or b) will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.

The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:

Claim(s) allowed: _____

Claim(s) objected to: _____

Claim(s) rejected: 1-11

Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: _____

AFFIDAVIT OR OTHER EVIDENCE

8. The affidavit or other evidence filed after a final action, but before or on the date of filing a Notice of Appeal will not be entered because applicant failed to provide a showing of good and sufficient reasons why the affidavit or other evidence is necessary and was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 1.116(e).

9. The affidavit or other evidence filed after the date of filing a Notice of Appeal, but prior to the date of filing a brief, will not be entered because the affidavit or other evidence failed to overcome all rejections under appeal and/or appellant fails to provide a showing a good and sufficient reasons why it is necessary and was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 41.33(d)(1).

10. The affidavit or other evidence is entered. An explanation of the status of the claims after entry is below or attached.

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION/OTHER

11. The request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: of the rejection under 35 USC 102(b) with regard to US Pat. 5,946,465; and the rejection under 35 USC 102(e) with regard to US Pat. 6,539,481.

12. Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s). (PTO/SB/08 or PTO-1449) Paper No(s). _____

13. Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 1/18/2005 have been fully reconsidered but they are not persuasive.

In the Remarks, Applicant argued that

(a) with regard to claim 1, 5, and 10, the feature "determining whether the resources have been held by the remote client without activity for a period longer than a preset threshold" is not disclosed in Chmielewski.

As to point (a), the feature is disclosed in Chmielewski (col. 2, lines 6-16; wherein the preset threshold period is the WAIT time and if it doesn't respond to the TIMING MARK within the WAIT time period the system will release resources).

When the telnet server is sending WILL TIMING MARK or WONT TIMING MARK, it is determining from the client to see if the client is still holding the connection resource from the system without activity. If there is no response from the client, then the client is no longer holding system resource connection; otherwise the client is still holding system resource connection and the WAIT time is calculated (FIG. 4).

(b) Takahashi et al do not disclose “determining whether a client has been using a resource within a predetermined period of time and, if not, releasing the resource.”

As to point (b), Takahashi does disclose “if not, releasing the resource” (col. 6, lines 57-63 and col. 8, lines 16-35 as the Applicant pointed out). It even gives the examples of predetermined time in the example. The predetermined time or use period can be 30 days or 60 days depending on the group ID in this example (col. 6, lines 57-63). In the case where the use period expires (col. 8, lines 16-35) and the user chooses to prolong the use period for an additional 10 days or 60 days, the prolong use period is still within predetermined period of time as claimed in claim 9. Now, in the “if not, releasing the resource” case where the use period expires and the user does not extend the use period, the predetermined period of time is the time the user registered the account through the time the account is expired and the user finishes using the system, in which case the system has determined that it is no longer within the predetermined time and releases resources. The predetermined time or use period can depend on the group ID and it can also depend on other situations such as extension time in expiration cases. There is no indication in the limitation that the predetermined period has to be a constant value. The scope of the claim is broad enough that the Examiner’s reference can be applied.

Conclusion

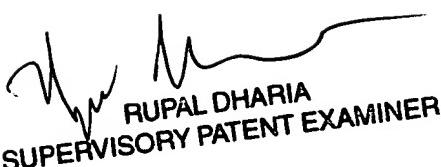
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to Tan Lien whose telephone number is (703) 305-6018. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 8:30am to 6pm. The examiner can also be reached on alternate Fridays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rupal Dharia, can be reached at (703) 305-4003. The fax phone number for this Group is (703) 305-3718.

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